



CITY OF PARK RIDGE

MINUTES

* Consent Agenda

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, March 19, 2008
7:00 p.m. Meeting
Public Works Service Center
400 Busse Highway**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Aldermen Bach and Wsol
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Alderman Ryan
- OTHER ALDERMEN PRESENT:** Mayor Frimark
- STAFF PRESENT:** W. Zingsheim, B. Wiebe, S. Mitchell, S. Tien and S. Tedeschi
- OTHERS PRESENT:** D. Yost
J. Johnson
T. Thompson
C. Stroka
R. Brubaker
P. Kamman
K. Vanden Bosch
S. Pierski
C. Szczepanski, 3913 N. Pueblo, Chicago
S. Karpowicz, Local 150
J. Johnson, Herald Advocate

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 5, 2008 MEETING

Alderman Wsol made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2008 meeting and it passed unanimously (2/0).

II. NON-MEMBER ALDERMAN WISHING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

III. CITIZENS PRESENT WISHING TO BE HEARD ON A NON-AGENDA ITEM

None.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the Contract for Tree Maintenance

City Forester Tien stated that the City's current forestry contract with The Care of Trees expires on April 30, 2008. The current contract includes tree trimming, removal including stumps, bolting and cabling, emergency storm damage work, Dutch elm disease sampling, root pruning, fertilization, pest control, resistograph, injections, and the installation of holiday lights.

Staff has divided this work into two (2) separate contracts, tree maintenance and tree and stump removal. These contracts are for three (3) years. The tree maintenance contract will include all of the above, except tree removal and stumping. In February 2008 invitations for bids were mailed to 65 area forestry companies asking them to send in their qualifications.

Four (4) Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) were received from the following companies: Autumn Tree Care Experts, Kramer Tree Specialists, The Care of Trees, and Winkler Tree Service. Kramer Tree Specialist's RFQ was not approved due to their inability to provide adequate personnel and equipment in the event of storm damage.

Bids were opened on March 12 for the 2008-2011 Forestry Tree Maintenance Program. Three bids were received ranging from a low of \$1,280,620 to a high of \$2,178,465 with the low bid being from Autumn Tree Care Experts of Glenview, Illinois.

City Forester Tien stated that Autumn Tree Care met the prequalification requirements.

Alderman Bach inquired as to how long The Care of Trees had had the city contract. City Forester Tien replied that they had serviced the city for approximately 30 years.

Alderman Bach made the following motion and it passed unanimously (2/0):

(MOVE THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BID OF AUTUMN TREE CARE EXPERTS, INC., OF 2091 JOHNS COURT, GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS 60025 FOR THE 2008-2011 FORESTRY TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (PW-08-04) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,280,620.)

B. Approval of the Contract for Tree and Stump Removal

City Forester Tien stated that the tree and stump removal contract has been separated from the current tree care contract. Four (4) Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) were received from the following companies: Autumn Tree Care Experts, Kramer Tree Services, Steve Piper and Sons, and Winkler Tree Service.

Bids were opened on March 12 for the 2008-2011 Forestry Tree and Stump Removal Program. Four bids were received with the low bid of \$681,740.74 being from Steve Piper and Sons of Naperville, Illinois.

She continued that the two contracts were written so that both companies could be used for certain types of work during an emergency.

Director Zingsheim commended City Forester Tien on her work in splitting the contracts.

Alderman Wsol made the following motion and it passed unanimously (2/0):

(MOVE THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BID OF STEVE PIPER AND SONS, INC., OF 31W320 RAMM DRIVE, NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS 60564 FOR THE 2008-2011 FORESTRY TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL PROGRAM (PW-08-03) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$681,740.74.)

C. Approve Changes of Prohibited Parking Times on Ridge Terrace, from 8 AM - 4 PM to 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM – 13-12-4

City Engineer Mitchell stated that staff has received a request from Principal Bobroff, of St. Paul of the Cross School, to revise the prohibited parking times on Ridge Terrace, from Northwest Highway to 100' south, from 8 AM – 4 PM to 7:30 AM – 3:30 4PM. These times will more accurately reflect school times. This item was deferred from the November 7, 2007 Committee meeting.

Alderman Bach made the following motion and it passed unanimously (2/0):

(MOVE THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 13-12-4 TO REFLECT RESTRICTION TIMES ON RIDGE TERRACE OF 7:30 AM TO 3:30 PM.)

D. Approve Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of Special Service Areas No. 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103 and Providing for a Public Hearing Date for Alley Paving

City Engineer Mitchell stated that this year, as part of the 2008/2009 Alley Paving Program, the City would be paving six alleys. These alleys are as follows:

- Between Fairview and Prospect, Glenlake to Peterson
- Between Chester and Greenwood, Gillick south to dead end with Gillick and Talcott, Chester to Dead end (Greenwood)
- Between Fairview and Prospect, Glenlake to Granville
- Between Peale and Washington, Arthur south to dead end (toward Devon)
- Between Columbia and Gillick, Harrison to Washington
- Between Crescent and Prairie, Chester to Clifton

The total cost of these alleys is budgeted at \$910,800. This figure includes attorney and engineering fees. Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds pay for 75% of the construction cost and property owners abutting the alley pay for 25%. The City pays 100% of the attorney and engineering fees. The six alleys are subject to final ballot verification. If a majority of support is not received, then that alley will be withdrawn prior to the ordinance enactment.

She continued that at this time, we are meeting the legal requirements of establishing a Special Service Area and a Public Hearing date for the alleys. Staff anticipates the Public Hearing to be held on May 19, 2008 with construction beginning in Fall 2008.

Alderman Wsol made the following motion and it passed unanimously (2/0):

(MOVE THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE REQUIRED ORDINANCE PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICE AREAS AND THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THESE ALLEYS:

- **Between Fairview and Prospect, Glenlake to Peterson**
- **Between Chester and Greenwood, Gillick south to dead end with Gillick and Talcott, Chester to Dead end (Greenwood)**
- **Between Fairview and Prospect, Glenlake to Granville**
- **Between Peale and Washington, Arthur south to dead end (toward Devon)**
- **Between Columbia and Gillick, Harrison to Washington**
- **Between Crescent and Prairie, Chester to Clifton.)**

E. Approval of the Contract for Valve Installation at South Pump Station

Director Zingsheim stated that the City opened bids on March 13th for the installation of a 14" ball valve at the South Pump Station. This ball valve acts as the shut off for incoming water from the City of Chicago to the reservoir under Kallina Field. The ball valve has already been purchased and is currently being made.

Four (4) bids were received with the low bid being \$6,000 from John Neri Construction Co. of Addison, Illinois. As this amount is well under the requirements for City Council approval, Committee action is not required.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Works Service Center Air Quality

Director Zingsheim stated that in 2000 the Service Center was built with value engineering. After construction was completed, it was determined that the exhaust fans were insufficient to meet the needs of the employees. In 2002 the ventilation system was updated at a cost of \$242,777 and the union steward at that time sent correspondence stating that the ventilation system was much improved.

In June 2004 the Illinois Department of Labor (IDL) conducted a study that showed the levels were in line, but recommended that the fans be running and the doors closed, to the extent possible, when the trucks were running.

Director Zingsheim recommended deferring Phase 3 of the Engineering Traffic Study and utilize \$37,432 of the \$45,000 savings to install a source capture system in the lower garage parking area.

Alderman Wsol asked what prompted the June 2002 University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) study and the IDL report in 2004. He also asked what the city's policy / practice was on exhaust fan use.

Director Zingsheim replied that the IDL study was conducted in response to employee complaints. Employees are instructed to turn the fan on when they go out to the garage area. However, sometimes this policy is not followed.

Alderman Bach noted that while the system may be tenuous, the legal requirements were being met.

Public Works Superintendent Wiebe noted that direct capture systems are in use in Public Works Service Centers in Wisconsin and he recommends looking at these sites.

Alderman Bach stated that direct capture was also in use at the Des Plaines Service Center. He noted that caution should be used in value engineering a new Police Station.

Mr. Karpowicz, Union Local 150, noted that the 2004 IDL report should be put into proper context, noting that the tests were not comprehensive. The air that is being drawn in by the fans is coming from the yard, where there are trucks running and spoils are stored. New government levels go into effect in May 2008.

Mr. Brubaker, city employee, questioned the accountability for the value engineering and damage to employee health.

Mr. Pierski, city employee, presented 35 photos taken around the Service Center showing soot on walls, near light fixtures, etc., noting that employees are exposed to this daily. He was told that the building was value engineered as a cold storage garage, and not an area used by diesel trucks.

Mr. Thompson, city employee, stated that Hastings Air Energy Control told him that all three (3) proposed improvements would be needed to get the hazardous materials out. The building is in a negative pressure, even when the garages are not in operation.

Mr. Vanden Bosch, city employee, expressed his concern over long-term exposure and the health of employees.

Mr. Karpowicz thanked the Committee for taking the time to address this issue.

Mayor Frimark noted the employees concern with the Service Center air quality and that the Committee and City Council would look at what needs to be done and make it their business to move this matter forward.

Alderman Bach expressed his desire to engage the employees and the Union in determining a solution that is best for the employees and the taxpayers.

Alderman Wsol would like an acceptable base line established, determine how much it would cost to achieve and how to fund the improvements.

Alderman Bach recommended that the Union designate a representative who would work with Director Zingsheim in developing a plan from the proposals already received. This plan would then be taken to the Committee and the Council for approval.

Alderman Wsol stated that he would fight for financing, however the union and the employees also needed to do the right thing.

Mr. Karpowicz agreed.

VI. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

A. Project Lightspeed Permits

Director Zingsheim updated the Committee on the status of permits for AT & T's Project Lightspeed. He detailed the landscaping options that AT & T is offering municipalities for the video service installations in the city rights-of way.

The Committee reached consensus giving Director Zingsheim latitude in making this decision, as it best serves the City.

VII. PENDING ITEMS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Alderman Wsol stated that Metra has an advertising campaign that encourages commuters to use the train crosswalks. However they have refused to install such a crosswalk at the Dee Road Station.

City Engineer Mitchell stated that she would contact Metra again with this request.

- B.** Alderman Bach stated that the Illinois Municipal League (IML) published an article on local governments using recycled products. He noted that there were state grants available.

Director Zingsheim noted that staff has formed a Committee on this issue.

- C.** Alderman Wsol stated that the Courtland/Crescent, Devon to Arthur alley is experiencing cut through traffic.

Director Zingsheim stated that staff would look into the posting of a 'no cut through traffic' sign, as well as police enforcement of the speed limit.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Wsol moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.